

Amendments to the Drawings

A proposed replacement drawing is submitted herewith for **Fig. 6B**. In this proposed replacement drawing, “**610**” has been changed to “**620**”. This amendment aligns the figure with its corresponding text on p. 52, lines 20 - 21. Thus, it can be seen that no new matter has been introduced with this correction.

REMARKS

The present amendment/response is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.312. The specification, Claim 24, and Fig. 6B have been amended. No new matter has been introduced. Claims 1 - 57 remain in the application.

I. Proposed Replacement Drawing

A proposed replacement drawing is submitted herewith for Fig. 6B. As discussed above in "Amendments to the Drawings", in this proposed replacement drawing, "610" has been changed to "620". No new matter has been introduced with this proposed replacement drawing.

II. Amendments to the Claims

Claim 24 has been amended to correct a typographical error. (See, for example, p. 34, lines 1 - 14 and p. 47, line 14 - p. 48, line 5, which discuss parameterized service invocation addresses; returning such addresses to a pervasive device; then providing the parameters when invoking/requesting a selected operation; and using those parameters when a service is performed.) Thus, amending this claim language does not introduce new matter.

III. Amendments to the Specification

Two paragraphs of the specification are amended. In the first, the serial number of a referenced application is provided. In the second, a typographical error (as can be seen by reference to similar discussions on p. 37, line 17; p. 38, line 5; and p. 40, line 10) is corrected.

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IV. MPEP §714.16, Amendment After Notice of Allowance

MPEP §714.16, titled "Amendment After Notice of Allowance", ends by stating 4 factors that must be fully and clearly stated. That information is as follows:

(A) Why the amendment is needed: The amendments to the specification are needed to provide the serial number of a referenced application, and to avoid confusion of those reading the published patent. Amendment to Claim 24 is needed to correct a typographical error, therefore providing proper protection of the invention. Amendment to Fig. 6B is needed to correct an error in the drawing (as discussed in "Amendments to the Drawings").

(B) Why the proposed amendment requires no additional search or examination: The clarifications to the specification do not affect the allowed claims, and therefore do not necessitate further search. Regarding Claim 24, it is clear that correcting this typographical error does not require a new search. Furthermore, Claim 24 is a dependent claim which depends from an allowed independent claim, and Claim 24 therefore remains patentable (*inter alia*) by virtue of the patentability of the independent claim. The amendment to Fig. 6B aligns the figure with its corresponding text, and Applicants therefore presume the correct interpretation of the figure (as stated in the text) was used during the previous search/examination.

(C) Why the claims are patentable: Amended dependent Claim 24 is deemed allowable because the scope of that claim has not been changed, and furthermore, this dependent claim is deemed allowable by virtue of the allowability of the independent claim from which it depends.

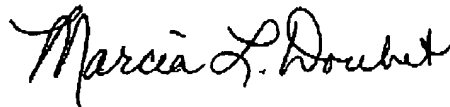
(D) Why the amendments were not presented earlier: All claims of the present application have been allowed without prosecution. Thus, Applicants are now responding to the first substantive Office Communication (i.e., the Notice of Allowance) that has been received.

V. Conclusion

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments submitted herewith.

Payment of the Issue Fee for the present application is being submitted on February 18, 2005. The Examiner is respectfully requested to phone the Applicants' undersigned Attorney, if necessary, to discuss this paper and/or these amendments.

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